



Docket No. 246991US0CONT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Christoph BRUHN, et al

SERIAL NO: 10/775,185

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FOR: WATER-ABSORBING POLYMERS WITH SUPRAMOLECULAR HOLLOW MOLECULES, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THEM AND USE OF THE SAME

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is a **preliminary amendment** in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS | CLAIMS REMAINING | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID | NO. EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | CALCULATIONS |
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| TOTAL | 19 | MINUS | 20 | 0 | x \$18 = | \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT | 1 | MINUS | 3 | 0 | x \$86 = | \$0.00 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | + \$290 = | \$0.00 |
| | | TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | | | | \$0.00 |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified Continuation Application of U.S. Serial No. 09/701,564, now allowed, prior to examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Basis for the Amendment begins on page 8 of this paper and includes an attached replacement sheet.